

DR. FREDRICK DANIEL WORLTON

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

Fredrick Daniel Worlton, M.D., lived an extremely busy and active life, and though his career was cut short by an untimely death he had compressed into his active years an impressive record of service as a surgeon, educator, businessman, civic and church leader. Dr. Worlton was founder and chief surgeon of the Lehi Hospital.

Most of his life was spent at Lehi where he was born March 16, 1882. He died October 22, 1931, as a result of a heart attack. Dr. Worlton was a son of John and Anna Bronelson Worlton. He was educated in the public schools at Lehi and in 1904 completed the normal course at the University of Utah. In 1910 he graduated from the University with an A.B. degree. From 1904 to 1906 he filled a mission to the eastern states, and for a time was president of a conference at New York City. After his return he acted as supervisor of schools in the Lehi district for one year.

Dr. Worlton began his medical studies at the University of Utah in 1908. In 1910 he entered Rush Medical College at Chicago and was graduated M.D. in 1912. He took his intern training in the Red Cross Hospital at Salida, Colorado. He returned to Lehi in 1914 and established the Lehi Hospital.

Dr. Worlton achieved distinction as one of the ablest surgeons of his native state. In 1925 he was elected president of the Utah County Medical Society, and was a member of the Utah State, and American Medical Associations. From 1920 until the time of his death, he was president of the board of education of the Alpine School District, and was a member of the control board of the Utah State High School Athletic Association. He was a member of the Bonneville Club of Salt Lake City, and an active Republican in politics. He was a charter member of the Lehi Lions club, and from 1928 had been a director of the State Bank of Lehi. He was prominent in the work of his church and in 1928 was a member of the building committee for the erection of the new chapel in the Lehi Second Ward. He was a seventy at the time of his death.

On August 29, 1913, while practicing at Manassa, Colorado, he married Lena Verl Sowards who was the daughter of L.W. and Lillian Hunsaker Sowards. Early the following year they were remarried in the Salt Lake Temple. Her home has been in Lehi since 1914. To them were born three children: Dean T., Ralph W., and Daniel C.

Her wife Lena Soward Worlton, was born at Manassa, Colorado, May 25, 1896. She attended the local schools at home and was very active in music in the church before her marriage.

The faithful support which she gave her husband had much to do with his success as a physician and surgeon. Many who have been sick will remember her kindness to them.

Her ability as an accompanist in church gatherings has been appreciated by many.